

April 25, 2024



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Dr. Denny Casey

A Devotion for Earth Day

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it,
for he has founded it on the seas
and established it on the rivers. - Psalm 24:1-2

I am writing this devotion on Earth Day and as I marvel the magnificence of creation, I am reminded of these verses that the earth and everything in it belong to the Lord. From the vast expanse of the heavens to the tiniest creature that dwells on the earth, all of it reflects the creativity and majesty of our Creator.

In Genesis, we read that God placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and entrusted them with stewardship over it. They were called to care for the garden, to nurture it, and to appreciate its beauty. Likewise, as children of God, we are called to be stewards of the earth. We are entrusted with the responsibility of caring for God's creation, not taking it for granted or exploiting it for selfish gain but by nurturing it with love and reverence.

Our stewardship of the earth is an expression of our love for God and our love for our neighbors. When we care for the environment, we are also caring for future generations who will inherit the earth from us. Our actions today have a profound impact on the world that our children and grandchildren will inherit.

As we reflect on this passage, let us remember that the earth is the Lord's and that we have the privilege to protect and cherish it. Let us be mindful of the

ways in which our daily choices affect the environment and let us strive to be good stewards of God's creation in all that we do.

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for the gift of creation, for the beauty of the earth and the wonders of nature. Help us to recognize that the earth and everything in it belong to you, and that we are called to be faithful stewards of your creation.

Forgive us for the times when we have neglected our responsibility. Grant us wisdom and strength to make choices that honor you and protect the world you have entrusted to our care.

May we be mindful of the impact of our actions on the environment and on future generations. May we tread lightly on the earth, leaving behind a legacy of love and stewardship for those who come after us.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

In Christ,

Denny



Please join us for worship this fifth Sunday of Easter at 10:00 AM

Sermon by Dr. Denny Casey

based upon John 15:1-8 and Psalm 80:8-19

Liturgist: Joan Montgomery

Ushers/Greeters: Billy and Sharon Kirby

Liturgist Schedule

April

28 Joan Montgomery

May

5 Monty Montgomery

12 Nancy Moore

19 Ashby Pinkard

26 Lynn Pritchett

June

2 Ron Rebman

9 *none*

16 Joe Williams

23 Gale Buck

30 Milt Davis

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from scammers!**

Watch for emails, texts or calls that might be fraudulent and do not trust communications (even if they sound legitimate) that ask for personal information, money or gift cards.

You will NEVER get an email from the church or your pastor asking you to purchase gift cards because we are busy or in a meeting.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:30-4pm

Friday 9:30-2pm



ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Memorial Service for Lang Mauck - Saturday, April 27 at 3 PM. Reception will follow the service.

Pastor Bea will be away April 15 -May 3 on her pilgrimage in Ireland and Iona in Scotland. While she is away, elders of our church will be on call if pastoral care is needed. Call [276 734-8830](tel:2767348830) and leave a message or text. You may also leave a message on the church office phone.

**NATIONAL
DAY OF
PRAYER**



Thursday, May 2, 2024

6:00 to 7:00 pm at Jack Dalton Park Picnic Shelter

130 Jack Dalton Road, Martinsville, VA

- A local praise and worship band will provide music.
- A time of prayer for individual personal needs will be held immediately following the service.
- Dinner and snacks will be available for purchase from food trucks at the park.

Questions? mhcdayofprayer@gmail.com

Presbytery Meeting - Saturday, May 4 at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 21206 Timberlake Rd., Lynchburg, VA. Link for more information: <https://www.peakspresbytery.org/new-presbytery-meeting-information/>

PW Circle Meeting is Monday, May 6th at King's Grant in the multi-purpose room (across from the private dining room) at 11:00 AM. Martha Rollins will be leading lesson 9. Lunch is available for \$12 for non-residents. Sign up at the front desk upon arrival.

Called Session Meeting for Elders and Trustees - Monday, May 13th at 5:30 PM.



Community Breakfast

Team leaders and schedule for the remainder of the year

- April 20 **Sharon & Billy Kirby**
- May 18 **Suzan & Bill Kirby**
- June 15 **Jerri & Joe DeVault**
- July 20 **NEED LEADER**
- August 17 **Suzan & Bill Kirby**
- September 21 **Brooke & Chuck Cundiff**
- October 19 **Billy & Sharon Kirby**
- November 16 **Nancy & Henry Moore**
- December 21 **Kym & Neil Tatum**
- January 18 **NEED LEADER**

April Highlights

Spring was in the air last Saturday for the Community Breakfast as we filled 130 plates. Thank you to Sharon and Billy Kirby for being team leaders. Thank you to all the volunteers that cooked, served and cleaned up. We were blessed to have four youth, **Isla, Caroline, Will and Jack.**



A special thanks to these four teenagers for getting up early on a Saturday morning and serving with a smile. We were also blessed with a representative from Collinsville Presbyterian Church, **Doris Collins**. Thank you Doris for working the fellowship hall and greeting our guests with your beautiful smile. Thank you to **Lynn Pritchett** for delivering meals to three of our church members and taking time to visit with each one.

We cooked too much food, therefore, we delivered food to the Women's Shelter and The Rainbow House. Thank you, **Valinda Dyer** for making that delivery. All our eggs were donated again by **Kathy Washburn** and we even have enough for next month. If you see her at the Martinsille Farmer's Market, please thank her.

Thanks to **Barbara** for providing our entertainment which is enjoyed by all. We are sorry the kitchen misses hearing Barbara play the guitar and sing gospel. We discovered that **Joe Williams** sings gospel and a couple of the guests sang along.

Since a March update was not done, thank you to **Kym and Neil Tatum** for being team leaders. Our numbers were a little down for March but it was a rainy cold morning and a different week.

Happy May Birthdays!

- 1** Janet Fentress
- 3** Georgette "Jerry" Bishop
- 5** Amy Mason
- 8** Gavin Luther
- 10** Sandra Shank
- 11** Bonnie Price, Emily Beard
- 12** Monica Stevens, Patricia Christenbury, Pearl Minter
- 17** Heath Russell
- 19** Annie B. Boyd, Taylor Shank
- 20** Christal Kelly
- 22** Hayden Cundiff, Joanna Wood
- 27** Jacob Wingfield, Kent Williams, Virginia Seamon



These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Langhorne Mauck, Family of Nanette Smith, Family of George Townsend, Sue Benfield, Jerry Bishop, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Marilyn & Ernest Bremner, Evelyn Cannaday, Cathie Carter (B. Tatum), Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Steve Edgerton, Marge Dunn, Neill Ferrill (S. Ford), Gary Francisco (Shanna King's Father), Juanita Griffin (J & B Williams), Daniel Handy, Marvin Hudson, Betty Carol and Harold Lamm, Mary Manning, Maggie Pilson, Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Barbara Tatum, Bruce Thomas, Nathan Toms (A. Madonia), Carl Utley, Tammy Tucker Wardinski, persecuted Christians, military service men and women, missionaries, and all refugees and immigrants forced to flee their countries.





If you are in need of a [prayer shawl](#), or know someone that could use one, please pick one up from the narthex and be sure to sign it out. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pearl Minter.

If you are in need of prayer, a meal, transportation, etc...due to a death in the family or the birth of a baby, please reach out to the Congregational Care and Fellowship committee by contacting Pearl at [276 340-3476](tel:2763403476).

Grace Network Donations

**2nd quarter food donation item is
Potato products (boxed mashed, scalloped)**



Please consider donating extra when you are able to get out and about as your donations will become more important than ever.

Hygiene Items are always needed (optional)

- *Toilet Paper
- *Bath Soap
- *Dish Detergent
- *Feminine Products
- *Deodorant
- *Toothpaste
- *Laundry Detergent

**Items may be brought to the church or dropped off at Grace Network, Monday
- Friday, 9-2 PM*



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We reserve the right to edit all submissions. Sharon Kirby, Editor

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For updates and announcements, please click on the link below or copy and paste into your web browser:

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Share God's Love, Embrace Our Neighbors, Nurture Each Other

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Class of 2025

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Sue Legg: Stewardship and Communication

Monica Stevens: Christian Education

Class of 2026

Billy Kirby: Administration

Susan Pilson: Communication

Anne Madonia: Think Tank

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2024: Duke Ferrell, Milt Davis

2025: William Kirby, Gale Legg

2026: Sharon Kirby, Dru Rothrock

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